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subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"COATING COMPOSITION FOR THERMOPLASTIC RESIN PARTICLES FOR FORMING  
FOAM CONTAINERS"

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto;

☐ was filed on January 31, 2004 as Application  
No. 10/769,349 and was amended  
through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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